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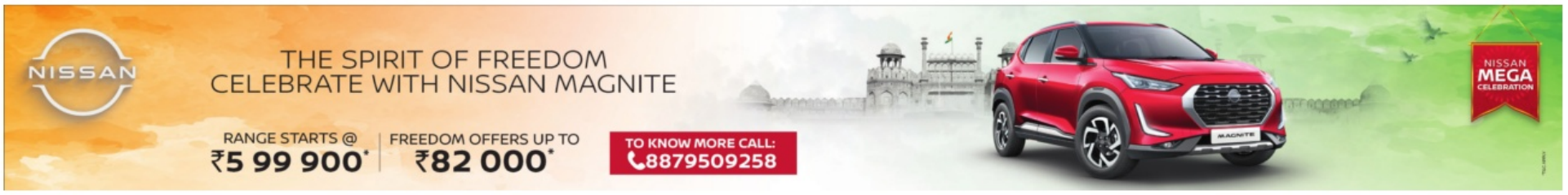

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NAMMA CLINIC IS UNWELL: THE DOCTOR IS NOT IN

Not many doctors willing to take up work at clinics supposed to be for all

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The purpose of Namma Clinics is to ensure easy access to healthcare for all in the city. More than 100 Namma Clinics were inaugurated by Basavaraj Bommai, the chief minister of that time, in February 2023. The actual plan of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is to to set up more than 200 Namma Clinics across the city. However, sadly so far these clinics have been only making the headlines for the wrong reasons, be it for the selection of location or working hours.

The BBMP Health Department, on its part, scrambles to take temporary measures whenever there is hue and cry about lack of facilities or

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"It is very important to have doctors and nurses at Namma Clinics as many people are suffering from dengue right now. The BBMP Health Department must take measures to appoint a doctor for this clinic without any delay

—Balaji Raghotham, citizen

Seniors fall into confusing cyber trap

Lack of awareness on malicious sites makes elderly population more vulnerable to fraud, say experts

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Elderly citizens in Bengaluru are increasingly becoming prime targets for cyber criminals. Criminals prey on the elderly, exploiting their trust and lack of digital awareness.

The recent case of a 72-year-old resident in Kundalahalli being defrauded of ₹2.5 lakh by criminals posing as telecom officials and police, has brought this phenomenon into focus. Another senior citizen lost ₹7.8 lakh after being tricked by a scammer pretending to be a BESCOM staffer.

In another such instance, a Bengaluru resident was cheated out of ₹1.52 crore in a widespread courier scam. As cases of senior citizens falling victim to such scams rise, experts say, it is important to address the need for spreading awareness and protective measures for this vulnerable group.

Most of the senior citizens do not have much knowledge about websites that

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Foodie heaven

Calling all foodies in the city! Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror, along with Vega City Mall, create a delightful food festival for the residents of Bengaluru to experience the taste of VV Puram Food Street. All foodies are invited to come and enjoy mouth-watering delicacies.
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03 Puppet show

Get a glimpse into the rich culture and tradition of Rajasthan in Kesariya's "Rangilo Rajasthan" festival, an immersive cultural event celebrating the vibrant traditions of Rajasthani puppetry. The puppeteers will bring to life the rich storytelling heritage of Rajasthan through mesmerising puppet dance performances set to popular Rajasthani folk songs. The performances will feature light-hearted narratives and vibrant stage setups, weaving together tales of kings, dynasties, love, and romance. **Where: Kesariya, Indiranagar**
When: Until August 25, 7 pm to 10 pm

SSLC, PU students to get second chance at school

Policy allows students who flunked their boards to re-enrol in government schools; experts ask for official orders as schools not quite latching on to offer

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The government has introduced a policy allowing students who failed their SSLC (Secondary School Leaving Certificate) and PUC (Pre-University Course) exams to re-enrol in the same government schools for an additional year. However, this move has been met with reluctance from some government schools, creating confusion and concern among parents and students.

Each year, over a lakh students appear for the SSLC exam, with only about 70 to 80 per cent clearing the exams. Those who fail usually attempt supplementary exams, but not all succeed. The students who remain unsuccessful often drop out of the education system and take up low-paying jobs. To address this issue, the government has decided to permit these students to re-enrol in their respective schools. This opportunity is also extended to students from private schools who wish to transfer to government institutions. Despite this, several school administrators claim they have not received official instructions, making it challenging to proceed with re-admissions.

This year, the exam pattern has been revised to allow students to take the exam three times. However, with the announcement of the SSLC and PUC results, some students who failed in all three attempts may be at risk of dropping out, particularly those in rural areas who cannot afford private tuition. For these students, re-admission is crucial to continuing their education. "If students who failed the SSLC exam in the district come to a government school seeking re-admission, they must be given admission without fail. I will issue a circular regarding this immediately," said ST Jawaregowda, Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI), Mysuru.

'Re-admission is crucial for some students who failed in all three attempts. These students may be at risk of dropping out'

> **"Government's decision is a positive step that could help improve literacy rates among children** – Dr Niranjana Radhya, VP & education expert

Need for official government order

Education experts also highlight the rising dropout rates and stress that re-admission could significantly improve SSLC and PUC results. However, they note that clarity from the state government in the form of an official education department order is needed to resolve the ongoing confusion. Dr Niranjana Radhya, VP and education expert, added, "Preparation is key for students taking any exam, and proper coaching is essential. The government's decision is a positive step that could help improve literacy rates among children."

Another expert said, "It's been two months since schools and colleges have resumed, and students have already missed out on two months of classes and practical sessions. They should be given a chance for re-admission, or they will miss out on critical learning. The government and education department must address this issue promptly."

Key points in government's order

Students who re-enrol must study all six subjects again and retake the exam. Special attention should be given to these students, and fee concessions should be granted. There should be no discrimination against them. All government facilities, including uniforms, textbooks, shoes, and socks, must be provided. Furthermore, the certificates of re-enrolled students should not indicate that they come from private institutions or that they have failed.

20 pourakarmikas, marshals feted at Kannamangala

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Around 20 women pourakarmikas, including marshals working at the waste segregation centre in the Kannamangala Grama Panchayat in Mahadevapura Assembly constituency, were felicitated on Thursday. The felicitation function was organised at a school premises in the panchayat. "We considered felicitating women of the self-help group that manages the waste management centre and marshals as appropriate because they are responsible for keeping Kannamangala Panchayat clean and neat," said Snehalata Venkataraman, a member of Kannamangala Grama Panchayat.

"I am very happy to be felicitated by the panchayat in recognition of my services," said R Latha, one of the women working at the waste management centre. Latha said that she has been working at the waste management centre since last October. "As of now, I am assigned to segregate dry waste. I, along with others, segregate 15 to 20 items from dry waste. I am very happy to be able to support my family with my salary," she said.

Appreciating the marshals and women working at the waste management centre, Kannamangala Grama Panchayat president Pavithra Ramesh said, "It is our responsibility to honour those who are working hard to keep Kannamangala Grama Panchayat clean and neat." Expressing a similar opinion, Lingaraj Urs, a member of Kannamangala Grama Panchayat and convenor of the Mahadevapura Task Force, said that for the first time ever, their panchayat sweepers and waste warriors were felicitated in front of their family and friends. "It was a simple acknowledgement for their efforts in keeping our panchayat area clean and green," Lingaraj said.

Meanwhile, Malini Parmar of Stonesoup Trust described the solid waste management (SWM) team as swachata champions. "...They go out, tackle what we consider waste, and convert it into a resource again. They also face prejudice every day. They are cleaning our streets and our attitudes by politely asking that the community allow them to work with dignity. This felicitation by the gram panchayat is a very important signal to the community and the self-help group women that the community appreciates the work they do," Parmar added.

It is to be noted that Kannamangala Grama Panchayat is the first panchayat to have marshals on par with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to keep a vigil on those responsible for creating black spots in the region.

Women workers who were felicitated by the Kannamangala Panchayat

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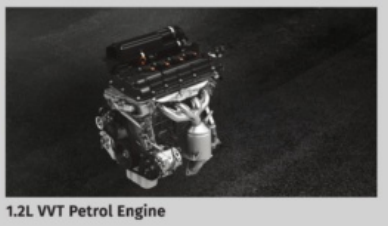

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Festive offers light up real estate market

The festive season is here and the real estate market has become a hotspot of activity, with developers rolling out a plethora of offers and discounts that make it an opportune time for plot buyers. This time of year is often considered auspicious for making significant investments, including property purchases. The combination of favourable market conditions, attractive offers, and the cultural significance of buying during festive days makes this the ideal time to invest in property.

Developers' festive offers

During the festive season, developers are eager to capitalise on the increased buyer interest. "To attract potential buyers, we offer a range of incentives, including discounts on property prices, and even flexible payment plans. These offers are not just limited to the residential sector but also extend to commercial properties, making it a lucrative period for all kinds of real estate investments. Moreover, many developers also provide additional benefits like free parking spaces and other choices. These offers significantly reduce the overall cost of purchasing a property, making it easier for buyers to afford their dream home or investment property," said Nanda Kumar, a property developer.

Property deals heat up as developers roll out offers

Cultural significance and auspicious timing

In Indian culture, festivals are considered highly auspicious for making new beginnings, including property purchases. "The concept of 'Shubh Muhurat' or auspicious timing plays a crucial role in the decision-making process. Real estate developers often align their offers with these auspicious days, encouraging buyers to take the plunge when the stars are most favourable. This belief is deeply rooted in tradition and continues to influence the real estate market, as buyers feel more confident and positive about their investments when made during these times," said Nischitha Kumar, a property developer. **–Prakash VL**

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All's not well with animal welfare

AWBI's inaction on NGO licenses and inspections raises concerns, leading to calls for investigation

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The delay and inaction of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) in submitting reports and renewing licenses for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to conduct animal birth control (ABC) programmes in Bengaluru raise concerns about whether the AWBI is effectively fulfilling its intended role.

The Joint Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Union Government, sent a letter to the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner on August 1, 2024, calling for a comprehensive investigation of all ABC centres to determine if contracts were awarded to specific organisations in violation of the ABC Rules, 2023.

The letter mentioned that, following complaints, the AWBI advised the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to halt the ABC programme at the ASRA centre, along with all other centres, in its communication dated March 19, 202. "Despite this, the BBMP continues to support and engage ASRA and carry out the ABC programme in violation of Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023," the letter by the Joint Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, Union Government read.

Bangalore Mirror published a story "Spotlight on city's animal birth control programme" on August 12 on Central Department writing to Bengaluru DC seeking an in-depth probe on allegations against one centre of violating rules. Meanwhile, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health & Animal Husbandry) Suralkar Vikas Kishor said that AWBI authorities have failed to respond to the letters written by the civic body. "Instead of answering this and processing the project recognitions in time or at least giving endorsements about the changes to be done the AWBI is writing to various authorities which is actually beyond comprehension," said the BBMP Special Commissioner (Health & Animal Husbandry).

On August 1, 2024, the Joint Commissioner of Animal Husbandry's letter urged an investigation into ABC centres

The Special Commissioner wrote a letter to the AWBI on June 10, 2024, stating that hat the registration/recognition of animal welfare organizations, including ASRA and the Vets Society for Animal Welfare and Rural Development (VSAWRD), had not been confirmed despite proposals and reminders being submitted since January 2024. The letter noted that ASRA submitted its proposal and sent reminders for renewal or registration/recognition on March 28, 2024, and April 4, 2024, while VSAWRD submitted its proposal in January 2024, yet no response had been received from the AWBI.

The letter also stated that ASRA was permitted to carry out the ABC/ARV programme (vide letter dated July 5, 2022) in Yelahanka, RR Nagar and Mahadevapura ABC centres. "The AWBI has sent an inspection team on August 8, 2023, to all the ABC centres but no update/reports about inspection has been communicated to the BBMP to date," the letter read. It has requested the AWBI to expedite the process of finalising the observations of the field inspection and issue the necessary communication to the already recognised animal welfare organisations (AWOs) in the BBMP limits to participate in the Expression Of Interest floated by the BBMP.

> **"Instead of processing the project recognitions in time, AWBI is writing to various authorities which is beyond comprehension**
>
> – BBMP official

"It will be great especially if the AWBI takes some steps and we succeed in getting the recognised AWOs to run our ABC-ARV program via our EOI by June 20, 2024. However, if we fail to do so, in the interest of public health and public safety, it is obvious that the BBMP will have no option but to continue the ABC programme with the existing agencies. Any suggestion about how to proceed in this interim period to implement the ABC-ARV program is most welcome," the letter read.

It has been reported that the BBMP has not received any communication from the AWBI.

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Anantha Kumar and others .....

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Catch me if you can; thief captured

Notorious thief Narasimha Reddy, known for evading the police, was apprehended in a forest by Girinagar Police on August 15. Reddy, involved in over 50 criminal cases across Bengaluru, had one kilogram of gold jewellery valued at ₹70 lakhs seized during his arrest. Reddy, who had been evading capture by hiding in two forests near Nelamangala, was notorious for his criminal activities and often challenged law enforcement. His arrest was the result of a thorough investigation by the Girinagar Police, who tracked him down based on intelligence about his location. The police found him hiding near a rock in the forest. Unlike other criminals, Reddy did not enjoy his spoils but consistently returned to the forest after committing his crimes. — BMB

Thieves raid Byadarahalli shops

In Byadarahalli, local shops have become targets for a group of sophisticated thieves. The incidents, occurring after 10 pm over the past month, have left shop owners in shock. The thieves use a clever trick to evade surveillance by carrying umbrellas to hide their faces and blackout CCTV cameras with spray paint.

On the night of August 15, a series of thefts took place starting at 10:02 pm. A thief, disguised with an umbrella, attempted to break into a saree shop but was interrupted by the disruption of the CCTV camera. By 10:32 pm, another thief, dressed in a red cap and shirt, tried to enter the shop on the upper floor but faced a locked gate. At 10:45 pm, the thieves used an iron rod to break the lock of the second-floor saree shop. By 11:01 pm, a thief in a blue shirt managed to break into a clothes shop on the ground floor after blacking out the neighbouring shop's CCTV. By 11:05 pm, two thieves broke into the ground-floor shop again. The robbers, who used their skills to bypass security systems, stole money and clothes before escaping. Shop owners have reported similar thefts across multiple shops in recent weeks. — BMB

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Kaveri Layout

A car parked for the past year is obstructing traffic on 13th Cross, Kaveri Layout, GM Palya, Ward 57.

'Temporary halt on land conversion in Western Ghats'

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Forest, Ecology, and Environment Minister, Eshwar B Khandre, has directed that all land conversion proposals in the Western Ghats region be 'temporarily halted' until new regulations regarding land use in this area are formulated. In a note sent to the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) of the department, he mentioned that the Cabinet intends to discuss the Kasturirangan report, which the Central Government recently re-notified.

Expressing concern over landslides and hill collapses in various parts of the Western Ghats, including Karnataka and Kerala, the minister highlighted that the Kodagu landslide studies identified forest encroachment and human developmental activities as the primary causes. He stated that, as a precautionary measure to prevent potential disasters in the region, steps have been taken to remove encroachments in this area.

The minister also noted that specific and separate regulations have been formulated for land conversion and building construction in the hilly areas of the Himalayan state of Himachal Pradesh.

He suggested that it is appropriate to temporarily halt all land conversion proposals within the Western Ghats region until a new zonal regulation and master plan concerning land use patterns, including urban and rural areas, are formulated. He instructed the Additional Chief Secretary to immediately take action in this regard.

"This pause gives us an opportunity to rethink our next approach, ensure that future development is aligned with principles of sustainability

Experts have opined that environmental clearance for projects should only be granted for highly essential public interest cases, only after the approval of the High-Level Committee meeting. In this regard, the minister informed the ACS to submit a proposal on formulating new regulations concerning land use from a long-term perspective for future generations.

Anand Akash, a green activist, said, "The decision to temporarily halt land conversions in this region is a critical step towards safeguarding the fragile balance that sustains life here. For too long, we have witnessed the devastating consequences of unchecked development and the erosion of indigenous cultures that have coexisted with nature for centuries. This pause gives us an opportunity to rethink our approach and ensure that any future development is aligned with the principles of sustainability and respect for the environment."

Akash further added, "This is a moment to prioritise ecological preservation over short-term economic gains. Let us use this time to develop stringent regulations that protect our natural heritage."

Precious tip: Enjoy festival, but keep valuables safe from thieves on prowl

Police commissioner warns citizens to safeguard their jewellery, stay vigilant in wake of rising incidents of burglaries in city

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Women celebrate the Varamahalakshmi festival with traditional rituals as Lakshmi on Friday in the city

Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayanada issued a critical warning to citizens on Friday to be cautious of their valuables and their social uploads on the occasion of the Varamahalakshmi festival. He explained, "On this auspicious day of Varalakshmi, I urge all residents, especially women performing pooja, to be mindful of their jewellery. Just as we adorn our homes with valuables, there are thieves constantly on the lookout for opportunities. Remember, even the smallest oversight can become a target for them, so stay vigilant."

The cautionary statement comes in the wake of increasing incidents of burglaries across the city, with criminals reportedly targeting homes. Here is a brief overview of some such instances in the city:

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Recently, Girinagar Police officials solved a major case involving the theft of 1.14 kg of gold jewellery, worth Rs 81.25 lakh, and two cars. The investigation uncovered a stash of stolen gold hidden near Kunigal Hassan Main Road and led to the recovery of two cars from Kengeri and Hoskarehalli on August 2. Additional gold jewellery, including 61 grammes from Krishnagiri and 90 g pawned at Muthoot Finance, was recovered.

Officials successfully linked the suspects to 19 previous house break-ins and thefts.

Similarly, on August 9, Mahadevapura Police arrested four individuals involved in a house theft case, recovering valuables worth Rs 75 lakh. The stolen items, including 844 g of gold jewellery, 3 kg of silver articles, a two-wheeler, an iron rod, and two laptops, were recovered by the police.

They arrested two suspects from Anderson Town in KGF on July 26; the next day, a third accused was apprehended in Hoskote; and on August 4, the fourth suspect was arrested from his residence in Bangarapet, Kolar.

In another incident, the Bengaluru police arrested two accused related to jewellery theft in the Kumaraswamy Layout and recovered 470 g of gold and 3 kg of silver bullion valued at Rs 31 lakh. Following a thorough investigation, officials arrested both suspects, who confessed to the theft.

Meanwhile, a domestic worker was arrested for stealing 181 g of gold jewellery, valued at Rs 12 lakh, from a residence in A Narayanapura within the Mahadevapura Police Station limits.

The investigation revealed that the domestic worker had fled to Delhi. On August 3, the police team tracked her down and took her into custody. During interrogation, the accused confessed to the crime, and the stolen jewellery was recovered from her residence.

In another case, four individuals were arrested in connection with a series of burglaries targeting laptops in homes and offices across the city. Officials of the Kadugodi Police Station recovered 24 g of gold jewellery and 11 laptops valued at Rs 4 lakh. On July 1, a company owner reported a break-in.

The thieves had vandalised office doors, broken locks, and stolen approximately 20 laptops, UPS batteries, and other valuables. The police arrested two suspects on August 4. During interrogation, they revealed the involvement of two additional accused, who were arrested from their residences.

Officials have recovered 11 laptops, a two-wheeler, and 24 g of gold jewellery that had been pawned at a local tea shop. The investigation of the case is still ongoing.

Darshan case: Final report will be sent to court soon

Police Commissioner B Dayananda announced on Friday that the final report regarding the Renukaswamy murder case, involving Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa and others, will be submitted to the court as soon as the remaining forensic reports are received.

A total of 17 individuals, including Darshan and his friend Pavithra Gowda, are currently in judicial custody in connection with the case.

Dayananda stated that the investigation is nearing completion, with substantial oral, circumstantial, and technical evidence collected.

The gathered evidence has been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in Bengaluru, and some electronic devices have been forwarded to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in Hyderabad.

Speaking to the press, he said, "We have already received some reports, and the FSL officials have assured us that the remaining reports will be sent shortly.

Once these are received, further investigation may involve seeking clarifications if necessary, after which the final report will be promptly submitted to the court."

He added that approximately 70 per cent of the reports from Bengaluru FSL have been received, while those related to electronic devices sent to CFSL Hyderabad are still pending.

A court recently extended the judicial custody of Darshan and the other accused until August 28.

Police sources also stated that Gowda, identified as the prime accused, was a significant factor in the murder, as evidence from the investigation shows she instigated and conspired with the other accused, actively participating in the crime. **BMB**

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Krishi Mela in second week of November

Disease-resistant and drought tolerant new crop varieties to be introduced

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The anticipated 'Krishi Mela,' organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences, is expected to take place in the second week of November this year. Preparations are in full swing to introduce four new crop varieties, 17 innovative technologies, and two advanced machines. The new crop varieties include Sunflower KBSH-90, Maize MAH-15-84, Alasande C-152, and Napier Bajra PBN-342, all of which are disease-resistant and capable of thriving in drought conditions.

The Sunflower KBSH-90 variety has been developed to replace its predecessor, addressing issues related to disease susceptibility. This variety boasts a higher oil content, disease resistance, and matures in 80 days, yielding 23-24 quintals per hectare. Maize MAH-15-84 is a versatile crop suitable for food, fodder, and poultry feed, yielding 92-95 quintals per hectare. It is also disease-resistant, maturing in 80 days, and can be cultivated during both summer and monsoon seasons.

Alasande C-152 is designed to withstand drought and disease, yielding 13-14 quintals per hectare and maturing in 80 days. Meanwhile, Napier Bajra PBN-342 is a high-yielding fodder crop, producing 1497 quintals of green fodder and 204 quintals of dry fodder per hectare, with broad leaves and a soft stem ideal for cattle feed.

The university has prioritised developing crop varieties that offer disease resistance and drought tolerance, providing significant benefits to farmers. In addition to the new varieties, the Krishi Mela will also showcase two new machines designed to simplify weeding, along with 17 other technologies focused on crop management, pest control, and production. The event will be held at the Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK) in Hebbal.

Along with four new crops, 17 innovative technologies and two advanced machines are being introduced this year

Krishi Mela and its themes in the last two years

2023 Krishi Mela, a farmer's gathering highlighted efforts to support farmers who are struggling with drought by displaying drought-resistant varieties, technology, and practices, was more pertinent to the farming community this year than it has ever been.
It was anticipated that the 2022 Krishi Mela will serve as a springboard for agribusiness enterprises in the State. The primary goal was to inspire young people and stimulate their thoughts to come up with creative solutions to the challenges faced by farmers.

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Bengaluru, as one of India's major metropolitan cities, generally offers good access to educational institutions and healthcare facilities. The government and various organisations continue to work on improving accessibility, especially for underserved communities, as Bengaluru continues to grow and evolve as a major urban centre with amenities.

Kanishk Rathore, BM Reader
Bengaluru has well-developed healthcare infrastructure with a range of hospitals, clinics, pharmacies and other facilities for every specialist.

Snigdha, BM Reader
It is a metropolitan city, so you wouldn't expect less. My neighbourhood and locality has one of the best hospitals in Bengaluru.

Cheewang, BM Reader
Educational institutions and healthcare facilities vary in accessibility by area, but the city offers a wide range of options to cater to different needs of diverse people.

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No justice, no duty

Doctors protest at Freedom Park in solidarity with Kolkata rape and murder victim, on Friday

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Cries for justice & safety for doctors grow louder

Resident doctors' association suspends all non-emergency services

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Resident resident doctors from different hospitals in Bengaluru like Bangalore Medical College Research Institute (BMCRI), Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research protested on Friday at Freedom Park a day after rampage at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. Hundreds of people smashed through police barricades to stormed early on Thursday, wrecking the emergency unit, several wards and medical equipment at the government facility in Kolkata where a junior doctor was raped and murdered last week.

"We express our profound shock and sorrow over the tragic incident in Kolkata, where a brutal crime was committed against a fellow medical professional. This act has sent shockwaves through the medical community, and we stand in solidarity with our colleagues in demanding justice for the victim and the implementation of enhanced safety and security measures for all medical professionals and students across the country. As we mourn this loss, we extend our deepest condolences to the victim's family," said a member from Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD).

They demanded immediate justice for the victim's family and action to ensure medical institutions are safe havens for learning and healing. Dr CN Manjunath, former director of Jayadeva hospital, also came in support of the protest.

Dr CN Manjunath joined the protest at Freedom Park on August 12th

IMA Karnataka joins forces with protest

Dr Srinivasa, president of Indian Medical Association (IMA) Karnataka State said, "This is not just a protest; it's a desperate cry for justice. Our doctors are under siege and the system's failure to protect them is a betrayal of the trust we place in them every day. The safety of our doctors is non-negotiable. Immediate legal reforms are essential to protect those who dedicate their lives to our well-being."

"The brutal assault and murder of our colleague in Kolkata is not just an isolated tragedy but a glaring example of the systemic neglect our junior doctors face. If we continue to allow such violence and negligence, not only will we see a significant brain drain, but our medical system will crumble as future doctors, especially women, will be deterred from entering this field. We must act now to safeguard those who save lives," said Dr Suri Raju V, chairman of the sub-committee on Prevention of Harassment on Doctors at the IMA, Karnataka.

Dr Sirish Shivaramaiah, President of KARD said, "In addition to seeking justice, we are also concerned about the ongoing issue of inadequate stipends for Resident Doctors in Karnataka. Despite numerous submissions to the government requesting a stipend hike since a year, there has been a prolonged period of inaction. However, due to continued inaction on both fronts, we were compelled to escalate our protest from August 12. During this period, and until our demands are addressed, we have suspended all non-emergency services, including boycotting OPD, elective cases/OTs, wards, in-patient follow ups, PAEs, all academic activities, and all the non-emergency services."

Medical college march

Students and doctors of Dr BR Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital will be marching in solidarity. Routine OPD and elective surgeries will not be functional. Essential emergency services will be maintained, said a release.

Sell antibiotics only with prescription, pharmacies told

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With the ongoing issue of over-the-counter sales at pharmacies, the Health Minister has now instructed pharmacies to strictly ensure that scheduled drugs, especially antibiotics, are only sold after the verification and retention of a qualified doctor's prescription.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when microorganisms like bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites develop resistance to medications, rendering standard treatments ineffective and leading to persistent infections. This resistance is primarily driven by the widespread misuse of antibiotics in human medicine, agriculture, and veterinary practices, as well as gaps in healthcare infrastructure. Self-medication and the use of antibiotics for viral infections, against which they are ineffective, are common practices that exacerbate the problem. AMR has become one of the leading causes of death in India."

He explained further, "Common infections such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, and urinary tract infections are increasingly hard to manage. The economic burden is also significant, with higher healthcare costs due to prolonged hospital stays, the need for more expensive medications, and loss of productivity. India's status as a major global supplier of pharmaceuticals means that AMR in the country could impact global health, making it a crucial issue for international health security. The inappropriate use of antibiotics in India, including their availability over-the-counter without a prescription, has come to my notice. Hence. pharmacies are engaging in practices contrary to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, which directly contribute to the rise of antimicrobial resistance."

In response, the Health Minister directed officials to develop a plan of action to address the issue and raise awareness among pharmacists. An AMR sensitisation programme was created, training over 17,000 pharmacists and pharmacology students. The Health Minister also launched a 'test-purchase' drive, enlisting college students to assess the extent of malpractice in pharmacies. Volunteers from St. Joseph's University visited 105 pharmacies in Bengaluru to attempt purchasing antibiotics over-the-counter.

This 'test-purchase' drive revealed to the Health Minister that pharmacies continue to sell drugs without a licensed pharmacist on site, dispense scheduled drugs without proper prescription verification, and accept fake or duplicate prescriptions lacking physician details. The Health Minister directed the Drugs Control Department to take strict action against any violations of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, including license cancellations, penalties, and prosecutions where appropriate.

He also mandated that pharmacies educate all employees to prevent illegal activities.

Educating seniors about digital use need of the hour

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are malicious, say experts BM spoke to. "Older people might unknowingly access new sites or apps and when they receive an OTP, they may mistake it to be a delivery OTP, but it could actually be a bank OTP. Frightening messages about banks often lead them to open these messages, making them vulnerable to cyber scams," said Ashish Gehlot, Senior Product Engineer at Utiltyx.

Awareness and education

Elderly citizens often fall victim to cybercrimes due to a lack of awareness from banks and insufficient education about these threats. Despite the Karnataka Government's new policy aimed at tackling cybercrime and city police's efforts to block SIM cards and devices, a clear solution is still lacking, and urgent action is needed. "A very basic yet most important thing the senior citizens must be educated about is how to identify the right websites," said Gehlot.

Swift action by police can help

Mirza Faizan Asad, a cyber security consultant, believes quick action from the police can make a difference. "Creating a digital or app-based system for reporting cyber crimes could help law enforcement track down criminals more effectively," he said, adding that limited technical knowledge and unfamiliarity with online platforms results in senior citizens falling prey for cybercriminals.

Implementation

Though there are policies and initiatives taken up by the state government and the city police to combat cybercrime, the detection and resolution of cybercrime cases remain alarmingly low. Only 1,271 cases were solved last year, that is a detection of 7.2% and 16,300 cases are still pending investigation.

K'taka govt puts circular suspending transaction with SBI, PNB on hold

Karnataka government on Friday put on hold a circular directing all government departments to stop transactions with the State Bank of India (SBI) and restrict deposits with the Punjab National Bank (PNB) in the state.

"Based on the observations made by the Public Accounts Committee on July 2, 2024, and August 6, 2024, and the audit findings included in the Comptroller and Auditor General's (CAG) report, the government has decided to issue the circular, FD-CAM/49/2024 on August 12, 2024, directing all departments to withdraw their deposits and restrict further deposits in all branches of Punjab National Bank and State Bank of India," reads the circular.

The circular added that the action was taken in response to the alleged fraud in the bank branches, which resulted in the non-repayment of fixed deposits made by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB).

"Despite prolonged correspondence and meetings, these issues remained unresolved since 2012-13. On August 16, 2024, both banks submitted written representations to the government, requesting a 15-day period to resolve the matter. The same day, senior bank officials met with higher officials of the Finance Department and reiterated their request," said the government circular.

It said that after considering the banks' requests, the Chief Minister directed officials of the Finance Department to keep the circular in abeyance for 15 days.

"This will allow the banks sufficient time to address the issues and redress the concerns of the government." –IANS

Namma Clinic in poor health

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staff at Namma Clinics. The latest complaint is against the apathy of the authorities concerned. It is alleged that a doctor, appointed to work at Namma Clinic, Bhattarahalli in KR Puram Assembly constituency, has been absent for

the last two months thus causing a lot of inconvenience to people who need medical treatment.

"I visited Namma Clinic today as I am suffering from a fever. I was shocked to know that the doctor has been absent for the last two months. It is very important to have doctors and nurses at Namma Clinics as many people are suffering from dengue right now.

The BBMP Health Department must take measures to appoint a doctor for this clinic without any delay,'' said Balaji Raghotham, a resident.

Demanding that the BBMP officials ensure all facilities at the Namma Clinic, a resident on the condition of anonymity, said that the state government and the BBMP claim that they are providing healthcare for all through the Namma Clinics but the reality on the ground is different.

"The clinic has had no doctor for the last two months. There is no one to tell us when the doctor will resume duty.

Even the higher authorities have forgotten to visit this clinic once in a month,'' said the resident.

When informed, BBMP KR Puram Subdivision Medical Health Officer Dr Visveshwariah said that he came to know that the doctor had applied for leave for one week as he has to attend an examination. "The doctor is expected to join duty in a week,'' said Dr Visveshwaraiah.

Meanwhile, BBMP Medical Health Officer (Mahadevapura Zone) Dr Lokesh said that not many MBBS doctors are evincing interest to work at Namma Clinics. "The BBMP Head Office will take measures to fill up vacancies for doctor posts at Namma Clinics,'' said Dr Lokesh.

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Cop failed to deposit seized Rs 72 lakh: Plea dismissed

'Hard to entertain plea to quash complaint in case that depicts crime thriller and needs no investigation'

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The High Court has dismissed a petition filed by Shankar Naik GK, a police inspector, seeking to quash a complaint lodged against him under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The complaint alleges that the inspector failed to deposit seized money amounting to Rs 72 lakh with the state treasury, which was received during the investigation of a cheating case.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, in his single-judge bench ruling, stated, "In the light of seriously disputed maze of facts which prima facie depict a crime thriller, it would amaze this Court for entertaining the subject petition, as it does require investigation in the least."

The case revolves around a cheating incident registered against one Santhosh Kumar at the Byatarayanapura police station, where the petitioner was serving as a Police Inspector. During the investigation, Rs 72 lakh was seized. However, when the magistrate court ordered the police to hand over the seized amount to the Income-Tax Department officials, the petitioner failed to comply.

Initially, a preliminary inquiry gave the petitioner a clean chit. However, a different ACP later registered a crime against the petitioner, alleging that he had kept the entire Rs 72 lakh with him. The petitioner argued that there was no criminal misconduct on his part and that he had handed over the charge of the police station to the incumbent with all necessary documents, including the PF drawn from the amount. He contended that merely because the denomination of the notes differed from those seized earlier, it could not be considered a crime against him.

The prosecution countered the petitioner's arguments, stating that several reminders were sent to him to deposit the amount, but he failed to do so. It was only when he learned that the Income Tax Department had filed an application under Sections 451 and 457 of the Cr.P.C., claiming the amount as their own, that he came to the police station and kept the money, nearly four months after the seizure.

The prosecution maintained that the matter required investigation, and the offences would be crystallised only after conducting an investigation and filing a final report.

Upon examining the records, the bench observed that the complainant had clearly stated that the petitioner had demanded a bribe of Rs 20 lakh to release the seized amount of Rs 72 lakh. The court noted, "Two factors would emerge – one, the petitioner keeping the amount with him without depositing it to the Treasury and the other, tampering with PF by changing the denomination of notes.

These factors prima facie would meet the ingredients of the crime that is alleged against the petitioner. Therefore, the matter would require investigation, in the least, as the factors are glaring and clear insofar as ingredients of offences are concerned." Consequently, the court dismissed the petition.

IN HIGH COURT

No to unfreezing bizman's bank account

In a recent judgment, the High Court a petition filed by Ansari Sablu Haidarali, a businessman from Bhavnagar, Gujarat, who sought to unfreeze his bank account with Karnataka Bank.

The account was frozen by the West CEN police in connection with an online fraud case, where the complainant, DS Rupa from Bengaluru, allegedly transferred Rs 2.28 crore to various accounts via WhatsApp for a supposed cryptocurrency business.

The petitioner, who received Rs 40 lakh from the complainant, claimed that he was unaware of the source of the funds and was engaged in oil trading. He argued that the Investigating Officer (IO) had not informed the magistrate about the debit freeze, as required under CrPC section 102, which states that the IO must "forthwith report to the magistrate about the property seizure".

However, Justice M Nagaprasanna noted that the mere non-reporting of the freeze order to the magistrate would not invalidate the action.

The court referred to the Supreme Court's decision in Shento Varghese vs Julfikar Husen, which held that seizure orders would not be vitiated solely because they were not immediately reported to the magistrate. The apex court stated that if the IO had no reasonable explanation for the delay, they might face appropriate departmental action.

The High Court emphasised that the petitioner, being a direct beneficiary of the alleged fraud, cannot be allowed to have his account de-frozen.

Union cabinet approves 2 corridors

The Union Cabinet has given its nod to two corridors of the Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase-3. Corridor-1 will stretch from JP Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura along the Outer Ring Road West, covering a distance of 32.15 kilometers with 21 stations. Corridor-2 will connect Hosahalli to Kadabagere along Magadi Road, spanning 12.50 kilometers with 9 stations.

Meanwhile, the latest ridership numbers for the Bangalore Metro reveal a significant uptake in passenger traffic. On August 14, 2024, Line 1 recorded a ridership of 4,43,343, while Line 2 saw 3,01,775 passengers. The interchange at KGWA witnessed a notable 1,72,247 passengers, contributing to a total boarding of 9,17,365 across the network. These numbers demonstrate the growing reliance on the metro as a preferred mode of transportation in the city.

iPhone plant progressing well: K'taka govt

Chief Minister's office on Friday said that setting up of the Foxconn iPhone assembly plant in Bengaluru Rural district with Rs 22,000 crore investment is progressing well.

The government has also assured complete support and commitment to ensure Foxconn gets all the assistance required in this process.

The government said that the company has acquired 300 acres of land in the ITIR Industrial Area, located in Doddaballapur and Devanahalli Taluk of Bengaluru Rural District.

The project, with an investment size of Rs 22,000 crore, is expected to generate employment for 50,000 plus people.

"Currently, the work is progressing well in this project with construction in progress. The Commerce and Industry Department, in collaboration with other relevant departments, is actively working on securing all necessary license approvals for the project. Additionally, power and water supply specific to the project are being planned and implemented," said a statement after the meeting of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Foxconn CEO Young Liu in Bengaluru. **IANS**

National Film Awards: Kannada films, technicians bag top honours

It was a momentous day for the Kannada film industry as it garnered top honors at the 70th National Film Awards announced on Friday. The blockbuster "KGF: Chapter 2," directed by Prashanth Neel, won Best Kannada Film, while "Kantara," directed by Rishab Shetty, was recognised as the Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment.

The Kannada film industry emerged as one of the biggest winners this year, securing accolades not only for Best Actor and Best Popular Film but also for Best Action Choreography (KGF: Chapter 2), Best Debut Director (Non-Feature Film) for Basti Dinesh Shenoy's "Madhyanthara," Best Editing (Non-Feature Film) for Suresh Urs in "Madhyanthara," and Best Arts & Culture Film for the Kannada documentary "Ranga Vibhoga" by Suneel Puranik.

Despite winning the Best Actor award, actor-director Rishab Shetty indicated his intention to shift away from making "festival type" films. He explained that while these films often premiere at festivals and win awards, they struggle to find a broader platform, as OTT platforms are generally reluctant to acquire Kannada content, leaving filmmakers with no choice but to release them on YouTube.

Shetty mentioned that this approach has led to minimal financial returns and that he is no longer interested in continuing down this path.

Having produced three festival films, including "Pedro" and "Vagachipani," he acknowledged that although these projects were personally significant, he is rethinking his future in filmmaking.

Shetty also shared that he neither expected nor was particularly enthusiastic about winning the award, emphasising that the success of "Kantara" was a collective effort, with many technicians playing crucial roles.

He expressed his gratitude towards them on their behalf. Meanwhile, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Union Minister for Steel HD Kumaraswamy extended their congratulations on 'X'. Siddaramaiah noted, "I hope your achievements will inspire other artists in the film industry."

Forget about supermoons

Here are 5 things in the sky worth your time

A supermoon may sound exciting, but it's a modest coincidence. As the Moon orbits Earth, its distance from us varies from 357,000 to 407,000 kilometres. When the Moon and the Sun are in almost opposite directions from Earth, we get a full moon. A "supermoon" is a full moon where its position along its orbit is within 10% of its closest approach to Earth. That's it.

This means a supermoon has an apparent diameter that's 14% larger than the smallest possible full moon. That's not a lot. You can't really notice the difference by eye.

As an astronomer, I have a problem with supermoons. There are genuine wonders to see in the night sky, so don't be disappointed by a dull, overhyped supermoon.

When is the best time to view the Moon?

Articles hyping supermoons are easy. ChatGPT can do it. Say it's the first supermoon since whenever, add some superlatives, and throw in a telephoto lens photo of a full moon with a landmark. Perhaps the supermoon coincides with another otherwise normal full moon, so it can be a "blue supermoon" or a "worm supermoon" or whatever.

It's still just a full moon.

If you do want to look at the Moon and it happens to be a supermoon, go for it. But there are better times to admire our only natural satellite, particularly with binoculars or a telescope.

The best time to look at the Moon is when its shadows, as seen from Earth, are longest. These long shadows help the craters and mountains stand out from the surrounding plains, so you can appreciate the dramatic landscape of our neighbouring world.

The shadows are longest when the Moon appears as a half moon in the night sky. During a full moon or a supermoon the shadows are at their shortest – not nearly as impressive.

Supermoons are a distraction

Have you seen the craters of the Moon, the rings of Saturn, the clouds of Jupiter or the Orion nebula with a telescope? They truly are awe-inspiring. Even the most dedicated astronomers return to view them time and time again.

In fact, astronomers prefer to avoid nights with supermoons and catch up on lost sleep. Full moons flood the night sky with light and make it harder to view more subtle and interesting sights.

Want to look at the grand expanse of the Milky Way with the unaided eye? Want to see a meteor shower, comet or aurora? Best done without a damn supermoon.

It can be fun to see something truly rare or unusual in the sky. But supermoons don't qualify for that either. Using the definition I mentioned earlier, there are typically three or four supermoons each year. More restrictive definitions give us one or two supermoons per year. Not only is that not rare, it still just looks like a full moon.

> **The best time to look at the Moon is when its shadows, as seen from Earth, are longest. These long shadows help the mountains and craters stand out**

There are rarer celestial events that really can inspire. Millions of people across the globe saw bright auroras in May 2024, including places where truly spectacular auroras are few and far between.

Comets can also be wonderful. Every decade or so, a comet swings into the inner Solar System and produces a bright tail, millions of kilometres long and visible from Earth. Back when I was a student, I saw Comet Hyakutake's bright blue tail stretch across a huge expanse of sky. Sometimes comets fizzle, but when they're great they are amazing.

Want something impressive? Try an eclipse

Auroras and comets can be fickle, but eclipses are predictable and put on a reliable show.

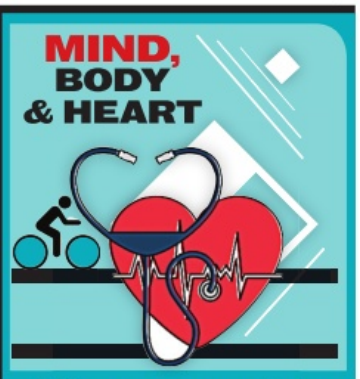
Take total solar eclipses, when the Moon covers the Sun and day turns briefly into night. Thousands travel across the globe to see them. I will be travelling to New South Wales for the 2028 eclipse.

Lunar eclipses, when the Moon falls within Earth's shadow, can be a more accessible eclipse experience, which is visible from your own home every few years.

During the best lunar eclipses, the Moon turns a dark red as the only light that reaches it comes through Earth's atmosphere.

As an astronomer, I encourage people to look at celestial sights. Go out and see the Moon when it can really impress – during an eclipse or viewed through a telescope. Or enjoy the planets, auroras, comets and meteor showers when there is no Moon at all. But please don't waste time on supermoons.

(By Michael JI Brown Monash University, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Mental health red flags

1. Persistently Feeling Low
Occasional Highs and lows are a normal part of life, but if you find yourself feeling persistently low for more than two weeks, which is interfering with your personal, socio-occupational routine, it may indicate an underlying issue such as Depression.

2. Change in Sleep Pattern
Both insomnia and oversleeping can be warning signs of mental health illness. Early intervention can be helpful if you're finding it hard to fall asleep, maintain your sleep or sleep much more than usual and still feel tired.

3. No Interest in Activities
Losing interest in any of your hobbies or something that you previously enjoyed can be a red flag that we should never miss. This detachment often leads to a sense of worthlessness and is very frustrating.

4. Extreme Mood Swings
Very commonly used term, mood swings are totally normal. But repeatedly having extreme mood swings or a labile mood which switches in seconds to minutes, interfering with your daily life activities might be indicative of bipolar disorder or other mood disorders.

5. Social Withdrawal
Social withdrawal or isolation can be a sign of depression. There is a constant feeling of hopelessness in a person who is going through it and he/she has lost interest in interacting with their family and friends.

6. Unexplained Physical Symptoms
Sometimes, mental health issues are presented as physical symptoms in the body. These can be chronic pain without a clear medical cause, frequent headaches, gastric issues, sweating, feeling of dissociation with the body or the environment can sometimes be because of a mental health condition.

– Dr Shubhkarman Singh Saini for Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Arts and crafts a significant mental health booster, study finds

A study on Friday showed that engaging in arts and crafts may be crucial in the fight against mental health problems suffered by millions of people globally. The research found that participating in creative activities significantly enhances people's sense of life satisfaction, happiness, and the belief that life is worthwhile, suggesting that arts and crafts could play a key role in promoting public mental health.

Dr. Helen Keyes of Anglia Ruskin University in the UK, the lead author, highlighted the meaningful impact of crafting, noting that its positive effects on well-being were more significant than those of employment.

"Crafting provides a sense of achievement and a meaningful route to self-expression, which is not always the case with employment," she explained.

The study evaluated public engagement with cultural, digital, and sporting activities. The researchers controlled for variables such as gender, age, health, employment status, and deprivation levels to assess the general impact of creative arts on well-being.

Participants reported their levels of happiness, anxiety, life satisfaction, and whether they felt life was worthwhile. They also noted their engagement with crafts over the past year, with 37.4% confirming participation in at least one craft activity. Those involved in arts and crafts reported higher levels of happiness and satisfaction, as well as a stronger sense that life is worthwhile, comparable to the benefits of being employed.

Despite these positive findings, the study did not find a link between crafting and reduced loneliness, potentially due to the solitary nature of some crafts. Dr. Keyes emphasised the potential for health services to fund and promote crafting as part of a broader approach to enhancing public well-being. **IANS**

Simply a star

5 times Shraddha Kapoor took us by surprise with her simplicity

In the dazzling world of Bollywood, where celebrities often seem distant and aloof, Shraddha Kapoor stands out for her remarkable simplicity and genuine nature. Here are five standout moments when Shraddha Kapoor's simplicity stole the spotlight and captured hearts. **—ETimes**

Taking the auto rickshaw

Shraddha Kapoor's choice of transportation often reflects her grounded personality. Despite her star status, she has frequently been seen taking an auto rickshaw to various destinations. Whether heading to a film shoot or the gym, Shraddha opts for this unpretentious mode of transport.

Visit to the ISKCON temple

Even as she cruised around in her newly acquired luxury car, Shraddha Kapoor remained true to her humble roots. After purchasing a swanky vehicle, she chose to visit the ISKCON Temple, dressed in modest attire.

Celebrating street food

Shraddha Kapoor's love for Mumbai's street food is a testament to her genuine connection with the city's vibrant culture. Her enthusiasm for the iconic Vada Pav was evident when she shared her joy about the snack on Instagram, celebrating it as one of the best sandwiches globally.

Interactions with the paps

Shraddha's interactions with the paparazzi stand out for their warmth and authenticity. A memorable instance was when she joined a pizza party organized by photographers outside an awards show, humorously requesting an extra slice. Her 37th birthday was another highlight when she was surprised by the paparazzi with her favorite treats.

With fans

Shraddha Kapoor's recent birthday celebration was a testament to her heartfelt appreciation for her fans. She flew in over 30 of her most dedicated supporters from various parts of India to celebrate her special day.

A family entertainer

GOWRI (KANNADA)
3.0 RATING ★★★★★
- **DIRECTOR** Indrajit Lankesh
- **ACTORS** Samarjit Lankesh, Sanya Iyer, Sweezal Furtado, Sihi Kahi Chandru, Chandu Gowda, Sampath Maithreya, Manasi Sudhir, Priyanka Upendra, Suchendra Prasad.
- **Duration** 130 minutes
- **Certification** U

Director Indrajit Lankesh, known for introducing new talent to Sandalwood, has introduced his son Samarjit with this movie. His previous movie Shakeela, a biopic of the adult south Indian actress Shakeela, was released more than three years ago. His latest movie Gowri is claimed to be based on a real incident.

The director has ensured all elements including romance, action, songs, music, sentiment, and topped it with a message to the audiences. He deserves appreciation for selecting beautiful locations for the shooting of this movie. The locations are a visual treat and the credit must go to veteran cinematographer Krishna Kumar.

The movie is about Raj (Samarjit) and Samantha (Sanya Iyer) who want to start a music band. The opening scene where Samarjit and Sanya Iyer are at their best in a song sequence – Love You Samantha - is a treat for music lovers. Later the director introduces Gowri (Samarjit), the son of Jogi Siddappa (Sampath Maithreya). Gowri has conductive hearing loss. He comes to a city where Samantha is looking for a singer. You have to watch the movie to know what happened to Raj and why Samantha decided to form a music band.

Samarjit deserves appreciation for first getting the basic training in acting before making his debut. He has excelled in action and dance scenes.

Sanya Iyer looks good and has acted well. Sampath Maithreya and Manasi Sudhir have also acted well. Music director Jessie Gift and Chandan Shetty have done fantastic jobs.

The director, by including people with different abilities in the star cast, conveys that nothing is impossible if there is dedication and commitment. **–Y Maheswara Reddy**

Romance is fun

KRISHNAM PRANAYA SAKHI
3.0 RATING ★★★★★
- **DIRECTOR** Srinivas Raju
- **ACTORS** Golden Star Ganesh, Malavika Nair, Sharanya Shetty, Rangayana Raghu, Sashikumar, Shruthi, Avinash, Srinivasa Murthy, Sadhu Kokila, and Girish Shivanna.
- **Duration** 161 minutes
- **Certification** UA

With this movie, director Srinivas Raju has proved that he too can handle the megaphone not only for the crime genre but also romantic comedies. Raju is known for helming Dandupalya and its sequels which belong to the crime genre. He deserves a pat on the back for handling the megaphone with aplomb for Krishnam Pranaaya Sakhi. It is not that the movie has no flaws. The pre-intermission session leaves the audiences in confusion but the director clears the doubts in the post-intermission session. The locations selected for shooting of songs are a visual treat.

Music director Arjun Janya has scored lilting music and all the songs are good.

The movie revolves around Krishna (Ganesh) who returns to Bengaluru after completing MBA from Harvard. Krishna looks after his family business. He has turned 32, but he is not inclined to get married. He happens to see Pranaya (Malavika Nair), an orphan who is looking after an orphanage. He falls in love with Pranaya and joins as a driver for her and does not reveal his family background to her. Meanwhile, his parents (Shruthi and Shashikumar) decide to arrange his betrothal with Jahnavi (Sharanya Shetty), the daughter of Gurumurthy (Avinash), a businessman. He tells his parents that he is in love with Pranaya. You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Pranaya. Will Krishna marry Jahnavi?

Krishna Pranaya Sakhi is a comeback for Golden Star Ganesh who is known for romantic films. He looks comfortable throughout the movie. Malavika Nair, who earned name for her acting skills in Telugu movies, is at her best. She walks away with all honours for her sterling performance. Sharanya Shetty looks good and her gestures and dialogue delivery are good. Sadhu Kokila and Girish Shivanna have acted well. Rangayana Raghu, as a greedy shepherd who becomes a landlord, provides comic relief. His Telugu dialogues and gestures tickle audiences' funny bones. The climax scene is a laugh riot. Veteran actors Srinivasa Murthy, Shashi Kumar, Shruthi, Ramakrishna provide good support.

It is worth a watch for families.

–Y Maheswara Reddy

Up for a game

Actress Bella Ramsey, who is busy with the filming of the upcoming season of the American post-apocalyptic drama television series 'The Last of Us', has said that she hasn't played the first part of the game on which the series is based.

The actress spoke with Josh Horowitz about the show, and said, "I haven't played the first part of the game. I probably will play after this. The second part of the game, I played and loved it. It was really cool to see how the sets look exactly the same. Every day on the sets is challenging, I will say. It's a show about fungus, so it's not glamorous by any means".

She further mentioned how fear is one of the main emotions of the show and serves as the driving force of the narrative.

"It's hard topics and conversations, and fear is one of the main emotions that we experience throughout. I really hope Bella gets their flowers, they're working really hard, physically, mentally and emotionally. One thing I have really learnt is that you can really admire people who are younger to you, you can really look up to them," she added.

Based on the video game franchise developed by Naughty Dog, the series is set twenty years into a pandemic caused by a mass fungal infection, which causes its hosts to transform into zombie-like creatures and causes the collapse of society.

The first season of the show follows Joel (played by Pedro Pascal), a smuggler tasked with escorting the immune teenager Ellie (played by Bella Ramsey) across a post-apocalyptic United States. The series premiered on January 15, 2023, and received critical acclaim. It won several awards, including eight Primetime Emmy Awards out of 24 nominations.

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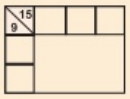
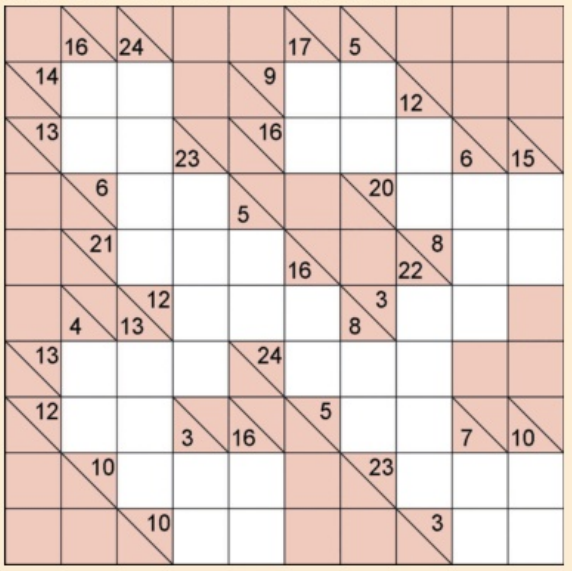
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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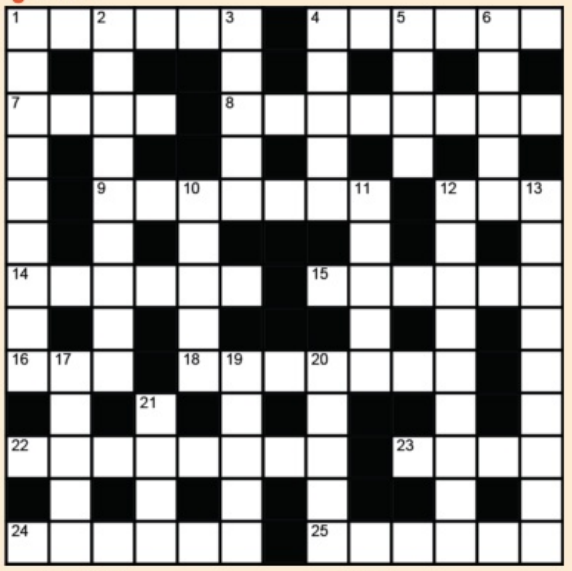


ACROSS

1 He is low on courage (6)
4 Middle Eastern language (6)
7 Inquisitive (4)
8 Preserve or contend (8)
9 A very pale tint (3,4)
12 Resinous deposit (3)
14 More elevated (6)
15 Long narrow strip (6)
16 Cleaning implement (3)
18 Not as old (7)
22 Retract; retreat (8)
23 It helps to keep your collar together! (4)
24 Theatre employees (6)
25 Over there (6)

DOWN

1 Road that is also known as Sampangi Ramaswamy Temple Road (9)
2 Household chore (7,2)
3 Get a discharge from the army? (5)
4 Goodbye (5)
5 Parts of a play (4)
6 Mediterranean isle (5)
10 Rival (5)
11 Ogling or staring at? (5)
12 Set free (9)
13 Competitor (9)
17 Leaves out (5)
19 Monsters (5)
20 Very recently (5)
21 Indian clarified butter (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS G

GY BVK KFEHGNV HLFEXLEK ILUK LFM NKFNK, HLOZLULGN-GOLH DPXHU VLJK NPIKBVGFE BP UP DGBV L NVPQBLEK PY YHPDKQN.

Linemaro

Watching you is like watching the sun rise with the morning dew, but there is one difference – you're better

Mindchow

Hope is a good breakfast, but a bad supper

Joke of the day

I understand how you feel when you see your ex with someone else; it's the same way I feel when I see the pizza guy at someone else's house

Loop

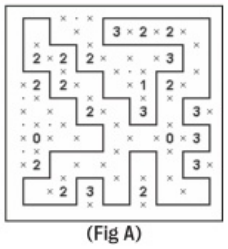
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

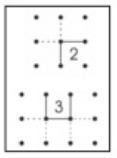
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

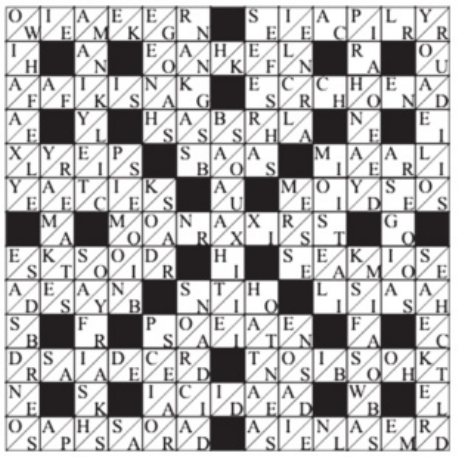


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

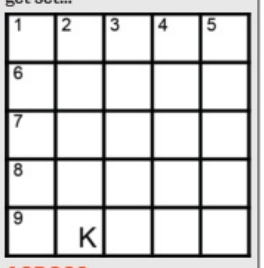
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



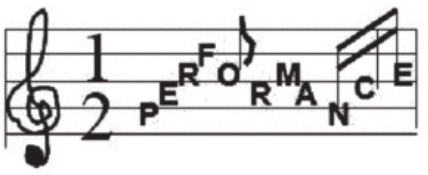
ACROSS

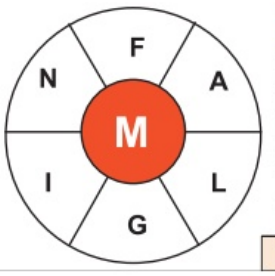
1 Halts; 6 Alice;
7 Treat; 8 Arced;
9 KM sis

DOWN

1 Tails; 2 L cake;
3 Trite; 4 Am her;
5 SS cad

Mensapuzzle

Solve this dingbat

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

6								1
	7	4				8	5	
	1		8		2		3	
	9		1		3		6	
		1		2		3		
	2		5		8		4	
	8		6		5		7	
	6	3				2	9	
5								8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

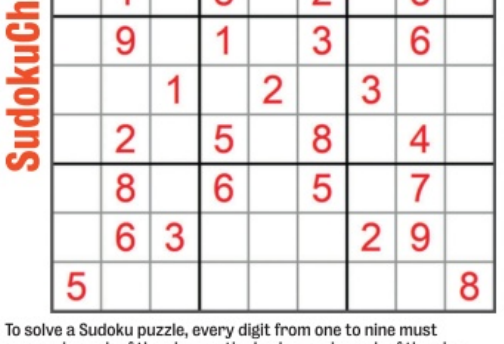
Easy = 10
1 2 4 9

Medium = 19
2 3 4 7

Hard = 7
3 7 8 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



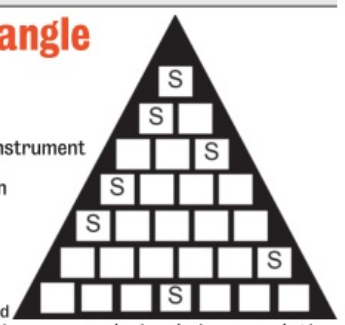
Differences: 1. Bow is longer. 2. Knob on base of stand is moved. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Collar is different. 5. Lampshade is not as wide. 6. Elbow patch is added to sweater.

Riddler

Madeline wins some money on the Premium Bonds. She spends a quarter on her house, a fifth on a car and two-sevenths on a holiday. She donates a tenth to a local youth club and gives the remaining £2,300 to Jack. How much did she win?

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 South Afr.
3 Some promos
4 Fuzzy drink
5 Indian classical instrument
6 Worships
7 Cooked in an oven



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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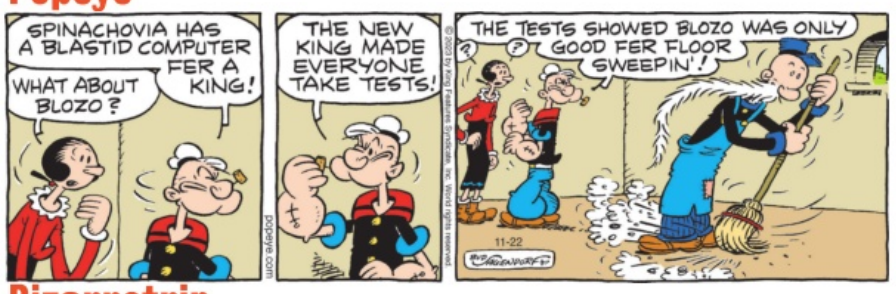
COMICS

Popeye


SPINACHOVIA HAS A BLASTID COMPUTER
WHAT ABOUT BLOZO ?
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THE NEW KING MADE EVERYONE TAKE TESTS!
THE TESTS SHOWED BLOZO WAS ONLY GOOD FER FLOOR SWEEPIN'!
11-22

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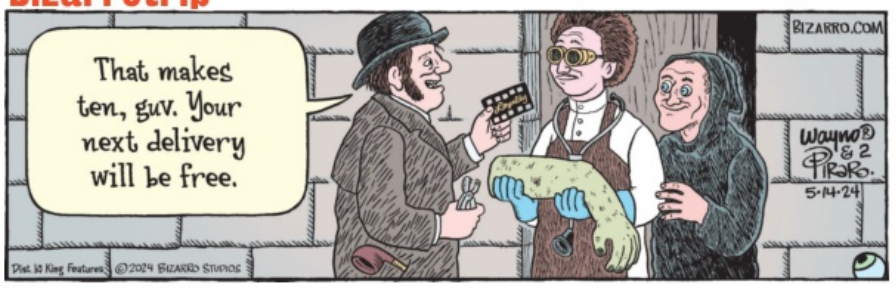

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

DID YOU HEAR THAT SPONGEBOB IS GONNA BE THE LAST PLAY THE SCHOOL DOES?
YOU KNOW, I BET THE SCHOOL BOARD STOPPED FUNDING THE ARTS.
THIS PLACE IS MORALLY BANKRUPT. ANYWAY, I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
PHILLY MIDDLE SCHOOL IS BANKRUPT?
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Crankshaft

OBVIOUSLY, I LIKE TO COME BACK TO SEE HOW THE VALENTINE IS DOING... BUT I HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHER REASONS FOR BEING IN TOWN.
VALENTINE
5-14
WE'RE HERE TO SEE CINDY'S FAMILY WITH SOME NEWS...
PLUS I WANT TO MEET WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE CLAUDE BARLOW BIOGRAPHY BECAUSE I WANT TO USE BARLOW'S MUSIC IN THE THIRD STARBUCK JONES MOVIE...
AND FINALLY, I WANTED TO GET YOUR THOUGHTS ON HAVING 'STARBUCK JONES III: THE RISE OF THE BANDOLOREANS' PREMIERE HERE AT THE VALENTINE!
YOU BURIED THE LEAD, MASON!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is a good day. Your financial health is likely to be good; you may get benefits from your past investments. You may have control over your spending on worthless things, which may boost your savings. Lovebirds are advised to be polite while conversing with their partner; otherwise, there may be some conflicts between them.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives. You may also plan to start some new ventures with the help of your siblings and network. You may likely get an order, which may increase your family business. Your network may help you complete your task successfully. There may be some smart gains after a little effort.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts. You may be impatient. Your arrogance may keep you from taking difficult decisions. Blessings from your elders may help you deal with messy situations. You should avoid making investments in dead assets. Lovebirds should avoid discussing worthless topics.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, at the start of the day, you may not be focused on your work, but with the help of an elder's blessing, you may get back on track. You may easily find the resources that might be important for the completion of the project. Your sources of income are likely to increase, and your losses may be converted into profits, which may boost your financial health.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you will expect some big orders from some new clients, which will increase liquidity in the business. You are likely to meet some influential people who may help you grow your business. Your bonding with the boss may become strong, and you may expect some promotions because of your hard work. Your prestige may be increased now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by your elders. You may be patient, and you are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit some spiritual place to seek peace of mind. You may also donate some money to a spiritual place for development. There may be some chances for overseas travel.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dull. You may also have some health issues that are likely to affect you at work. You find yourself under mysterious fear, which may make you sensitive and emotional. You are advised to avoid rush-hour driving and adventure tours. You are also attracted to the occult. You are advised to visit some religious place; chanting a mantra or praying will also give you some relief.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may enjoy your time with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with your spouse, which may boost their understanding of you. You may spend money on buying some artefacts or household items to renovate your house. You may also enjoy parties and events. You are advised to read the documents carefully before making any investments in fixed assets.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel happy and energetic. You may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence, and you are likely to be able to face any type of challenge, which may make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience when taking some financial decisions in business. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be at its peak, but you need to regulate it. Self-analysis may help you gain confidence, which may increase your prestige in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of your communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may not be able to enjoy your work life as well as your family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse; otherwise, it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships are likely to be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid hurrying while making decisions related to marriage. With the help of patience, you may come out of a messy situation.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be able to implement business plans successfully with the support of your subordinates. You may also be involved in some social or family get-togethers, which may boost your network. You may be likely to go on short business-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future.

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√(210÷2+39)=
√(105÷39)=
√144=12

BULL'S EYE
film, FLAMING, laming, lima, mail, main, malign

FAST FIVE

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STRIKE OUT

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performance

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QUOTE UNCODE
If the English language made any sense, lackadaisical would have something to do with a shortage of flowers.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, SA, Ads, Soda, Sarod, Adores, Roasted.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 9 - 2 - 1 = 10
3 x 7 - 4 + 2 = 19
Medium
6 + 7 + 8 / 3 = 7
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO

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